

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

At The Church of the Good Shepherd, we do not pass a collection plate during our Services. Please place your pledge payments or donations, in support of the ministries of the church, in the offering boxes located at the entrances of the Church. You may do this either before or after the Service. Thank you for your financial support, which allows the message of God's love and acceptance to shine forth through the ministries and services of our Good Shepherd community.

Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***There is no Sunday Nursery on March 30.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS

MARCH 9, 2025		MARCH 16, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Turn Our Hearts Around”
(please remain seated)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation (please stand as you are able)

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures forever.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus’ commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess of the ways we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

First Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 91 responsively by half verse

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

² He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
**I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Gospel Acclamation:
(10am Service)

“Return To God”

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(please stand as you are able)

Refrain

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
 mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (please be seated)

The Prayers of the People (please stand as you are able)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share the sign of peace verbally with those around us. We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

“40 Days”

Matt Maher
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"Desert Song"

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The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Gracious God"

(see page 8)

"Gracious God"

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Verses

1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the
2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of
3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing
4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or

1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,
2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber
3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,
4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,

1. for we long to see your face.
2. that you lead us in - to life.
3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
4. it is you, O let us see.

Refrain

- Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -

- ing Love, you give your life a-way.
 ing love, we give our lives a-way.

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REFRAIN



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Flood our souls com-plete - ly, wash us in your love.



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Hold us in your mer-cy, change us with your love.

VERSES 1-3



1. We cry out _____ for you to heal and to set us free.
2. We have wan - dered _____ and lost our way in life's wil - der - ness.
3. We have hun - gered _____ for man - y things that are not from you.



1.-3. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.

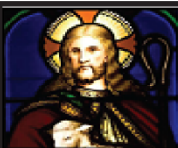
VERSES 4-6



4. We are temp - ted and we are fooled by sin's beau - ti - ful dis - guise.
5. We have stum - bled a - long the path when we walk a - lone. _____
6. You have prom - ised and yet we doubt your _____ faith - ful word. _____



4.-6. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.



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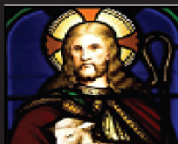
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